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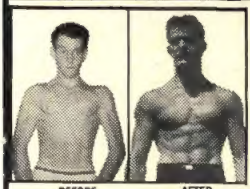
NEW! NEW! NEW! THE SUPER-PATRIOT!

Tired of Being 'SKINNY'?

DRINK ON POUNDS OF WEIGHT FAST—THE FUN WAY!

GAINS OF UP TO A-POUND-A-DAY PROVEN BY THOUSANDS

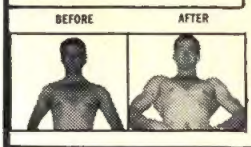
IT'S DELICIOUS! IT'S WILD! The new taste-sensation "CRASH-WEIGHT GAINING PLAN" developed by Joe Weider, "Trainer of Champions", "Architect of Beauty" helps you drink on pounds... UP TO A POUND A DAY easily and enjoyably while you rest... relax... watch TV... sleep. Men, women and children... see measurable gains instantly and say goodbye to your skinny, undesirable string-bean body... NOW!



BEFORE AFTER

HERE'S LIVING PROOF IT WORKS—FAST

Used with amazing results by tens of thousands of men, women and children for more than 7 years! Now, you too can take this guaranteed way to build up your caloric intake for fast and substantial weight gains!



BEFORE AFTER

GAINS 18 LBS. IN 14 DAYS!

The "before" photo shows how Larry Chamiel looked without the added weight he needed so badly. The "after" photo shows Larry 14 days after he started the **Crash-Weight Plan** and gained 18 pounds. He writes: "What more could a guy ask for? All I did was add 4 glasses of Crash Weight Formula #7 to my regular meals, follow Joe Weider's Plan and I gained a tremendous 18 pounds in two weeks!"

SHOULDN'T THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?

GAINS 14 LBS. IN 14 DAYS!

James Parker of Ft. Worth, Texas writes: "It's Fantastic—I went from 158 to 172 pounds in 14 days. Gained 14 pounds in 14 days and added 2 inches to my chest. I'm more than satisfied!"

SHOULDN'T THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?

DO-IT-YOUR-SELF GAIN-A-POUND-A-DAY KIT!

This is a 1-day supply of **Crash-Weight**, chock full of weight-gaining nutrients that can smash the weight-gaining barrier!

You want to gain a pound a day? Half a pound a day? Maybe you just want to add a few pounds here and there? You want easily . . . enjoyably . . . without stuffing yourself and counting calories?

NOW YOU CAN

It's simply wild... AND IT WORKS!

You too can follow this amazing Crash-Weight Formula #7 Plan and drink on as much as a pound a day . . . Skinny people are undesirable . . . they look sickly. Say goodbye to your string-bean looks with this sensational new plan—NOW!

No more bloating yourself with rich, heavy foods to force-feed calories into your system. Drink 4 delicious glasses of natural-organic Crash-Weight Formula #7 daily in addition to your regular meals. Follow Crash Weight Plan as directed in the free booklet and you can drink on (in delicious, milk-shake tasting form) mixed with usual household food ingredients, up to 3500 calories along with your regular calorie intake. Then, take it easy . . . while you relax, snooze or watch TV . . . this calorie-packed weight-training drink and the Formula #7 Plan does all the work, piling on weight for you.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE COUPON

JOE WEIDER Dept. 83-69K4
531-32nd Street
Union City, N. J. 07087

Dear Joe:

I want to join the WEIGHT-GAINABLES. Enclosed find $..... for your **Crash Weight Formula #7 Plan** which I have checked below. I understand your Money Back Guarantee applies only if I order my Plan through this coupon!

Check one of the Plans below:

☐ 7-Day Supply of Crash Weight #7 Plan ..... $ 7.50

☐ 14-Day Supply of Crash Weight #7 Plan $14.98

Check flavor desired: ☐ Chocolate ☐ Vanilla

NAME ..... AGE .....

ADDRESS .....

CITY ..... STATE ..... ZIP .....

(Please print clearly)

IT'S NEW! IT'S HERE! **JOIN THE WEIGHT GAINABLES! DRINK ON POUNDS-FAST! SAFELY!**

STAN LEE presents
"THE SUPER-PATRIOT!"
by
GARY FRIEDRICH AND HERB TRIMPE
INKED BY: SAM GRAINGER
LETTERED BY: ARTIE SIMEK

MY FELLOW AMERICANS, I SAY TO YOU THAT WE MUST PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM... REGARDLESS OF THE COST!
WE MUST STAND UP FOR AMERICA NOW...BEFORE THE TRAITORS IN OUR GOVERNMENT ENSLAVE US!
BUT NOW!
GET THE TRAITORS OUT OF WASHINGTON!
TREASON NO MORE!

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THE CRAVEN TRAITORS IN WASHINGTON HAVE DISPARAGINGLY BRANDED ME... THE SUPER-PATRIOT!
AND THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE...BUT WE SAY THAT'S GOOD!
RIGHT! IN OUR BOOK, THAT NAME'S A GENUINE COMPLIMENT!
I AGREE WITH YOU, MY FRIENDS...BUT WE MUST MAKE OTHERS SEE THE LIGHT!
IT IS UP TO US TO SAVE THIS GREAT NATION THAT SO MANY BRAVE MEN HAVE DIED FOR!
AND I SWEAR TO YOU, IN THE NAME OF WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON THAT WE SHALL KEEP AMERICA FREE
--NO MATTER WHAT MEASURES WE MUST TAKE!!
WONDER WHAT ALL THE SHOUTIN'S ABOUT!
WE'RE WITH YOU! DOWN WITH THE TRAITORS!
LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND'A POLITICAL RALLY...
...BUT THIS AINT ELECTION TIME!
AND WHO THE DEVIL'S THAT NUT IN THE SUPER-SUIT?
WHOEVER HE IS, HE'S SURE GOT THE CROWD STIRRED UP!
MIGHT BE SOMETHIN' SHIELD OUGHTTA LOOK INTO...
...BUT THAT AINT NO CONCERN OF A FUGITIVE ...LIKE ME!
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THEN, SUDDENLY...
THOSE WAVES... EMANATING FROM ABOVE US...THEY CAN ONLY BE...
...THE SHIELD VORTEX BEAM! PREPARE FOR ESCAPE 'A'!
HE'D BETTER BELIEVE IT'S SHIELD...AND I'D BETTER HIGHTAIL IT!
THEY'D PROB'LY RATHER CATCH ME THAN THAT SLOGAN-SPOUTIN' GOONEY-BIRD!
AND, AS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF SHIELD SEARCHES FOR A HIDING PLACE...
IT IS SHIELD! THERE IS THEIR ACCURSED HELI-CARRIER...BUT THEY WILL NEVER CAPTURE US!
IT'S NO USE, DUM DUM, THE VORTEX-BEAM CAN'T BREAK-THROUGH!
EVEN AS THEY PREPARE TO ATTACK US...WE ARE PROTECTED BY AN IMPENETRABLE FORCE-FIELD!
WE'VE GOT TO!
WASHINGTON WANTS THAT BIRD FOR QUESTIONING--
AND HE'S REFUSED A COURT ORDER TO APPEAR!
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COLLECT COINS.. THE HOBBY ROAD TO RICHES

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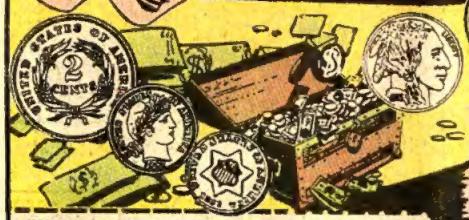
Thousands of old coins up to 100 years old GUARANTEED at least $1.00 current catalog value and packaged ready to go! Many packets may contain coins worth much more!



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Rush me your SURPRISE packet. I enclose ($1) ($5) ($10) which is refundable if I am not completely satisfied:

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City_____ State_____ Zip_____

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Guaranteed $ 6 worth for only $ 5
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KARATE COURSE AND CERTIFICATE. Don't be bullied! Protect yourself without weapons. Used by FBI, police, secret agents. With a simple twist of the wrist or a light jab, you can make someone twice your size and weight completely helpless. Requires barely any effort. It's brains not muscle that does it. Order now and receive a Free Karate Certificate with each course. Show it to your friends or hang it on the wall.

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ATTENTION, ASSAULT TROOPS! BOARD CRAFT AND PREPARE FOR LAUNCHING!
YOU HEARD THE ORDERS, MEN! BUT REMEMBER--NO GUNPLAY IF WE CAN HELP IT!
THEN, WITHIN SECONDS, A SLEEK, NUCLEAR-POWERED CRAFT IS LOWERED FROM THE HOVERING HELICARRIER...
WHILE...
GOTTA DUCK INTO THIS ALLEY! IF THEY SPOT ME, I'M A DEAD EX-SERGEANT!
THEY'RE LAUNCHING AN ALL-ATTACK! QUICKLY... CONVERT THE PLATFORM!
AND, AS THE PANIC-GRIPPED CROWD FLEES FOR SAFETY...
COMMENCE FIRING... AND PREPARE TO BLAST OFF!
WE'LL MEET THE TRAITOR-LED SHIELD FORCE IN THE AIR!
RUN FOR YER LIVES!
IT MUST BE WORLD WAR THREE!
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THEN, HIGH ABOVE THE TOWERING SKY-SCRAPERS OF MANHATTAN, BEGINS A RAGING BATTLE THE LIKES OF WHICH NO AVERAGE CITIZEN HAS EVER DREAMED POSSIBLE...
AIM FOR THE CRAFT'S POWER-SOURCE! THE MINI-VORTEX WILL ONLY HOLD US IN POSITION FOR FIVE MINUTES!
SET BLASTERS ONLY FOR STUN--EVEN THOUGH THOSE CRUMBS FIRED FIRST!
THEY ARE STRONGER THAN I ANTICIPATED.. BUT I MUST NOT BE THWARTED--NOT NOW!!
EJECT THE SMOKE CANNISTERS... AND PREPARE TO RETREAT!
WHAT THE...?! THEY'RE THROWING UP SOME KIND OF SMOKE SCREEN!
CAN'T... -KOFF!-... EVEN BREATHE IN IT! MUCH LESS FOLLOW THEM!
ROGER! WE'LL... -KOFF! KOFF!-... HAVE TO RETURN TO OUR ASSAULT CRAFT!
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FERGIT IT, WILSON... WE'VE BLOWN IT!
THAT DON'T MEAN WE'RE GIVIN' UP, THOUGH! WE'RE BOUND TO NAIL THAT NUT EVENTUALLY!
YES SIR! I'LL CALL BACK THE ASSAULT FORCE!
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE THE SHIELD BOYS HAVE GIVEN IT UP FOR NOW...
...BUT THAT DON'T MEAN I CAN BREATHE EASY!
WHETHER I LIKE IT OR NOT...I'M A FUGITIVE... WANTED FOR MURDER...
AND I CAN'T RELAX FOR A SECOND...'CAUSE SHIELD'S AFTER ME...AN' IT'S A CINCH THEY WON'T!
"JUST 'CAUSE I HAD TO GUN DOWN A TRAITOR NAMED RICKARD, SHIELD WANTS TO HANG ME..."
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS GAME WAS, BOYS... BUT HE WON'T BE PLAYIN' IT ANY-MORE!
HAVE YOU GONE OFF YER ROCKER, NICK? YOU JUST SHOT DOWN A SHIELD AGENT... FOR NO REASON AT ALL!
SO ALL I CAN DO IS FOLLOW ORDERS...AND HAVE YOU ARRESTED... FOR COLD-BLOODED MURDER!
YOU MUST BE OUTTA YER SKULL, YA OL' WALRUS! THAT CRUMB WAS AN ENEMY SPY...
...WHO WAS OUT TO WIPE ME OUT... AND SHIELD ALONG WITH ME!
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TWO MORE TRIUMPHS FOR MARVEL.!

Now on SALE!

MARVEL TALES
25¢
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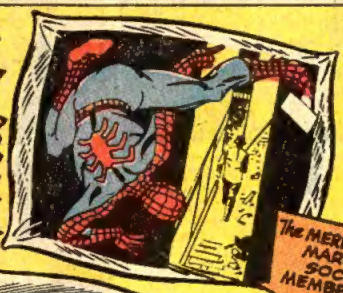
STARRING THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!
MARVEL TALES
FEATURING 2 OF THE WEBHEAD'S MOST DEADLY FOES...
CRIME-MASTER AND THE GREEN GOBLIN!
PLUS! THE MIGHTY THOR AND THE TORRID TERROR OF THE TORCH!

IT'S BRAND NEW!!
MARVEL'S SWINGIN' INFLATABLE
PLASTIC PILLOWS!



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Shamed by Your English?

You can soon speak and write like a college graduate if you let me help you for 15 minutes a day.

If you've ever been shamed by a mistake in English, maybe I can save you from years of disappointment.

I have met countless numbers of intelligent men and women who are being held back in their jobs and social lives, often without knowing it, because they cannot express themselves fully and easily.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

If people are not impressed by the way you speak and write—and if you're honest enough with yourself to admit it—you have already taken the first big step to success.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO

You can master good English *without going back to school.* Over the years I have helped thousands of men and women *right in their own homes.*

I can help you, too, if you will give 15 minutes a day to the C. I. Method. My answers to the following questions explain why you need a command of good English and how easily you can *do* something about getting ahead.

Question: *What is so important about my ability to speak and write?*

Answer: People judge you by the way you speak and write, both in business and in social life.

Question: *What does a "command of good English" mean?*

Answer: It means you can express yourself clearly and easily without fear of embarrassment or making mistakes.

Question: *Are there other advantages to be gained by acquiring a command of good English?*

Answer: Yes! Words are actually "tools of thought." The more you learn about words and how to use them to form and express your ideas, the better your *thinking* becomes.

Question: *Wouldn't I have to go back to school for a command of good English?*

Answer: No, not any more. You can gain the ability to speak and write like a college graduate right in your own home in only 15 minutes each day.

Question: *How do I know your method works?*

Answer: There are thousands of letters in my files, testimonials from people in all walks of life who have used the proved Career Institute Method to achieve amazing results. If you send in the coupon below, I will share some of these letters with you.

Question: *How can I find out more about the Career Institute Method?*

Answer: I will gladly mail a free 32-page booklet to you. Just mail Coupon or send a postcard to: Don Bolander, Dept. 208-42, 555 E. Lange St., Mundelein, Ill. 60060.

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Please mail me a free copy of your 32-page booklet, "How to Gain a Command of Good English."

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BUT, YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, DO YA? I CAN TELL BY THE LOOK IN YER EYES!
EVEN AFTER ALL WE BEEN THROUGH TOGETHER...YA STILL THINK I'M LYIN'! SO...
...YA DON'T LEAVE ME NO CHOICE BUT TA DO WHAT I THINK'S BEST!
AND, WHAT I THINK'S BEST...IS FOR ME TO HIGHTAIL IT!
UNTIL I CAN PROVE TO YA THAT ALL THIS MALARKY ABOUT ME BEIN' A TRAITOR...
...IS JUST THAT... AND NOTHIN' MORE!
HOWEVER, NOT EVEN NICK FURY CAN HOPE TO DEFEAT THE IMPOSSIBLE ODDS HE FINDS STACKED AGAINST HIM...
...AND, EVENTUALLY HE IS CAPTURED!
THEN, SOME FOUR HOURS LATER, HE RECEIVES A VISITOR IN HIS MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL...
I JUST WANTED TO BE CERTAIN THAT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT...
LAURA! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE?
...AND TO GIVE YOU THIS TOKEN OF MY AFFECTION... WHICH I THINK YOU MIGHT FIND OF SOME CONDOLENCE IN THE HOURS AHEAD!
I SHOULD'A KNOWN THAT OL' LAURA'D COME THROUGH... BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT HER SONIC DISINTEGRATOR RING...
...ALTHOUGH I SURE AINT COMPLAININ' ABOUT IT!
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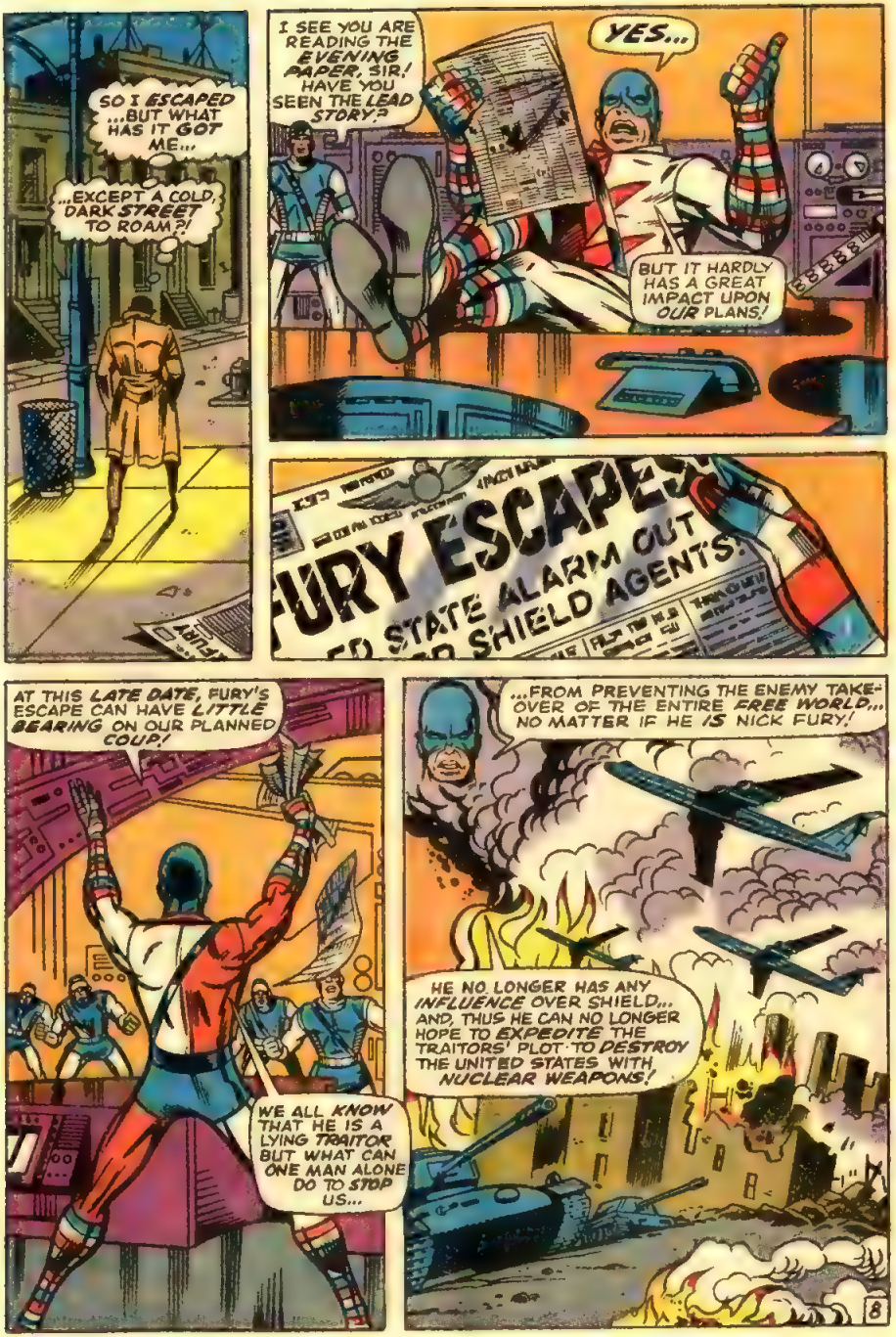
SO I ESCAPED ...BUT WHAT HAS IT GOT ME...
...EXCEPT A COLD, DARK STREET TO ROAM?!
I SEE YOU ARE READING THE EVENING PAPER, SIR! HAVE YOU SEEN THE LEAD STORY?
YES...
BUT IT HARDLY HAS A GREAT IMPACT UPON OUR PLANS!
URY ESCAPES!
STATE ALARM OUT
SHIELD AGENTS!
AT THIS LATE DATE, FURY'S ESCAPE CAN HAVE LITTLE BEARING ON OUR PLANNED COUP!
WE ALL KNOW THAT HE IS A LYING TRAITOR BUT WHAT CAN ONE MAN ALONE DO TO STOP US...
...FROM PREVENTING THE ENEMY TAKE-OVER OF THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD... NO MATTER IF HE IS NICK FURY!
HE NO LONGER HAS ANY INFLUENCE OVER SHIELD... AND, THUS HE CAN NO LONGER HOPE TO EXPEDITE THE TRAITORS' PLOT TO DESTROY THE UNITED STATES WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS!
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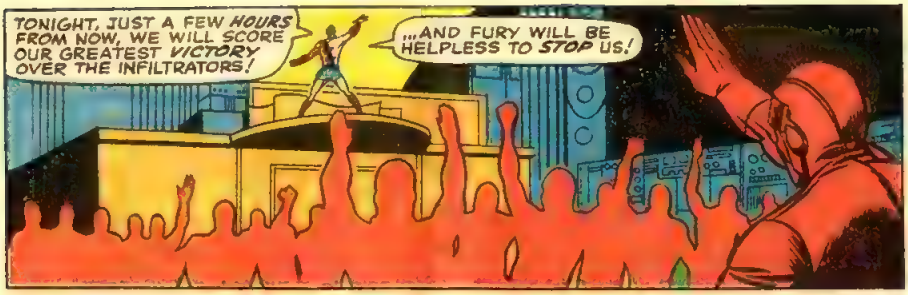
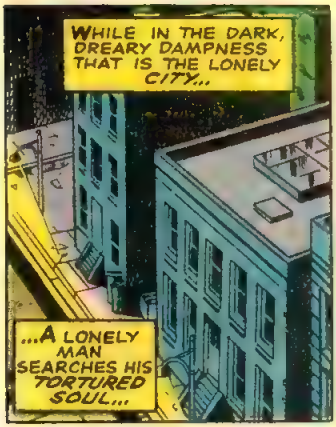
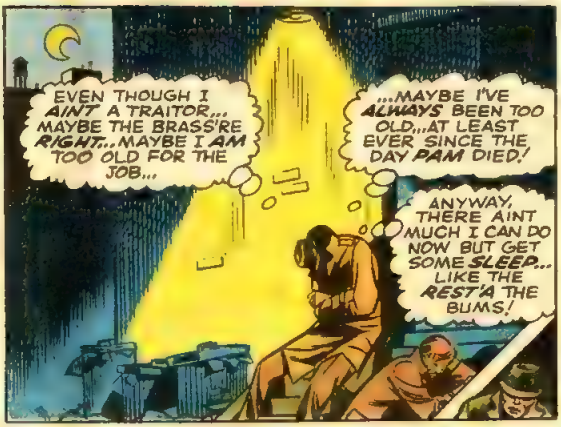
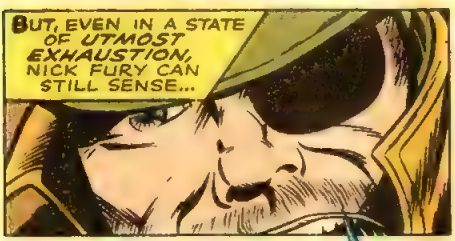
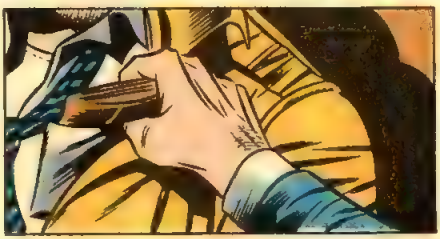
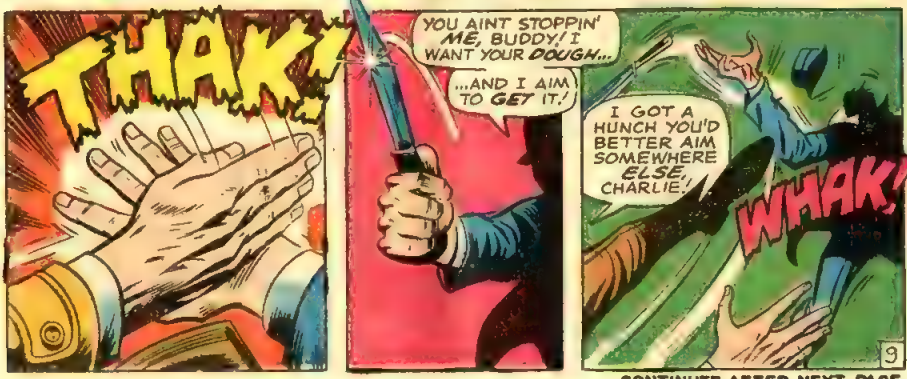

TONIGHT, JUST A FEW HOURS FROM NOW, WE WILL SCORE OUR GREATEST VICTORY OVER THE INFILTRATORS!
...AND FURY WILL BE HELPLESS TO STOP US!




EVEN THOUGH I AIN'T A TRAITOR... MAYBE THE BRASS'RE RIGHT... MAYBE I AM TOO OLD FOR THE JOB...
...MAYBE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOO OLD... AT LEAST EVER SINCE THE DAY PAM DIED!
ANYWAY, THERE AIN'T MUCH I CAN DO NOW BUT GET SOME SLEEP... LIKE THE REST'A THE BUMS!






THAK!
YOU AIN'T STOPPIN' ME, BUDDY! I WANT YOUR DOUGH...
...AND I AIM TO GET IT!
I GOT A HUNCH YOU'D BETTER AIM SOMEWHERE ELSE, CHARLIE!
WHAK!

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EVERY TIME YOU TWIST THE TWISTER...

IT CAN PUT MONEY IN YOUR POCKET!

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PROVED EFFECTIVE BY CHAMPION ATHLETES AND BODYBUILDERS!
The 007 POWER TWISTER!

IT'S A PROVEN MONEY-MAKER!

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The **"007" POWER TWISTER** is the most sensational exerciser to come along in years. It builds powerful arms, chest and shoulders more quickly than you can imagine – it's the FUN muscle builder that has taken the country by storm! Needs no adjustment of any kind – No fuss – Use it just as it comes out of the package.

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BUT, BEFORE THE EX-SHIELD DIRECTOR CAN FINISH OFF THE MUGGER...
ZAK!
WHA...?!
SORRY TO BARGE IN LIKE THAT, SARGE... BUT I DIDN'T WANNA CHANCE YOU GETTIN' HACKED UP BY SOME TWO-BIT BUM!
BUT, FROM THE WAY THEY'RE RUNNIN'... I'D SAY THERE ISN'T MUCH CHANCE OF THAT ANYMORE...
...SO I'LL JUST ASK YOU TO HAND OVER ANY WEAPONS YOU MIGHT HAVE...
...THEN MAYBE WE CAN HAVE US A LITTLE RAP-SESSION!
GOOD... THEY DON'T SUSPECT I DIDN'T FLEE!
SO I'M GONNA FORGET I SAW YOU HERE... AND JUST TIP YOU OFF THAT WE EXPECT HIM TO STRIKE AT THE U.N. IN A FEW HOURS!
I HAVE A HUNCH YOU'RE ON THE LEVEL, SARGE... AND THAT THE SUPER-PATRIOT IS REALLY BEHIND THIS SMEAR ON YOU!
HERE'S SOME AMMO FOR YOU... AND, GOOD LUCK!
SO, I CAN JUST STAY HERE AND LISTEN IN! THEN, AS SOON AS I FIND OUT WHAT FURY AND JONES ARE UP TO...
...I CAN REPORT BACK TO THE SUPER-PATRIOT!
NOW I KNOW THAT SHIELD'S ONTO THE SUPER-PATRIOT'S SCHEME...
SO, I MUST REPORT TO HIM... TO SEE THAT EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN!

THEN, THE EAVES-DROPPING DERELICT RUSHES TO THE SUBWAY...
...MAKES HIS WAY UPTOWN...
TO CENTRAL PARK...
...AND FINALLY ARRIVES...
...AT THE UNDERGROUND LAIR OF...

...THE SUPER-PATRIOT!!
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, NUMBER SEVEN?
YOUR ASSIGNMENT WAS TO TRACK FURY...AND TO MONITOR HIS EVERY MOVEMENT TO ME!
THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I HAVE DONE...AND I AM HERE TO REPORT!
FURY IS STILL A FUGITIVE... AND IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SHIELD WILL CAPTURE HIM!
THEREFORE, I CONCLUDE HE IS NOT A THREAT TO US!
EXCELLENT! THAT MEANS WE CAN PROCEED WITH PLAN RED!
NUMBER FOURTEEN ...REVEAL OUR ULTIMATE WEAPON FOR NUMBER SEVEN!
YESSIR!
LOOK AT IT, NUMBER SEVEN... AND KNOW THAT, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, AN EXACT REPLICA OF IT IS FLOATING UP THE EAST RIVER...
...CONCEALED IN A BARGE... UNTIL, ONE HOUR FROM NOW, WE WILL USE IT TO DISINTEGRATE THE UNITED NATIONS!
IN A SINGLE BLAST, THE WORLD'S GREATEST HAVEN FOR TRAITORS WILL BE DESTROYED...AND ONCE AGAIN FREEDOM WILL BE TRIUMPHANT!
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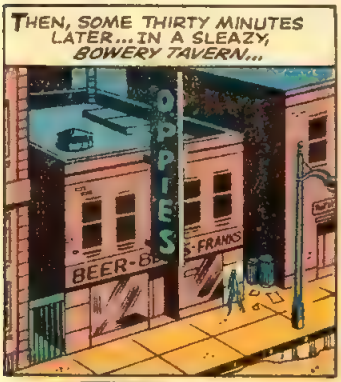
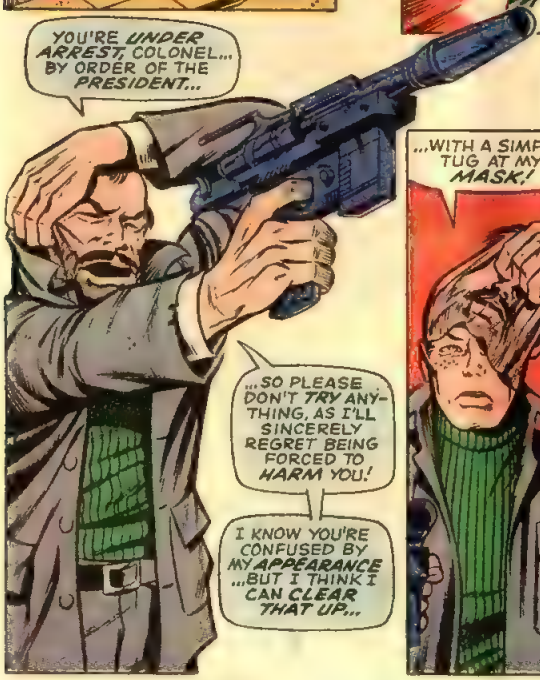
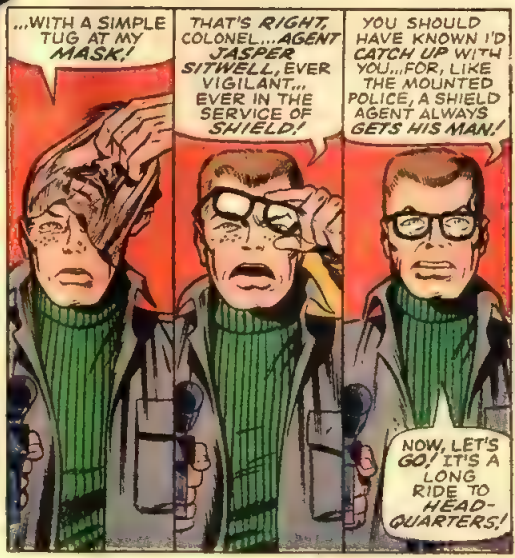
BUT, WE CANNOT RISK EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE THAT FURY WILL INTERFERE...
...SO, I AM ASSIGNING YOU TO MAINTAIN YOUR VIGIL OVER HIM...UNTIL OUR VICTORY AT THE U.N. IS ASSURED!
AS YOU WISH, SIR! GOOD LUCK ...AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!


THEN, SOME THIRTY MINUTES LATER...IN A SLEAZY, BOWERY TAVERN...
BEER-BE
FRANKS

IT'S ALL OVER, FURY... FREEZE!
DON'T MOVE! I DON'T WANT TO SHOOT YOU!
WHAT IN BLAZES...?!


YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, COLONEL... BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT...
...SO PLEASE DON'T TRY ANY-THING, AS I'LL SINCERELY REGRET BEING FORCED TO HARM YOU!
I KNOW YOU'RE CONFUSED BY MY APPEARANCE ...BUT I THINK I CAN CLEAR THAT UP...


...WITH A SIMPLE TUG AT MY MASK!
THAT'S RIGHT, COLONEL...AGENT JASPER SITWELL, EVER VIGILANT... EVER IN THE SERVICE OF SHIELD!
YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN I'D CATCH UP WITH YOU...FOR, LIKE THE MOUNTED POLICE, A SHIELD AGENT ALWAYS GETS HIS MAN!
NOW, LET'S GO! IT'S A LONG RIDE TO HEAD-QUARTERS!

HURRY, COLONEL! I MUST DELIVER YOU...THEN STOP THE SUPER-PATRIOT FROM ATTACKING THE UN!
ANYTHING YOU SAY, JUNIOR!
WAIT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO HURRY THAT MUCH! SLOW DOWN OR I'LL...
I HATE TA DO THIS TO YA, SITWELL...
...BUT I AIN'T GOT NO CHOICE!
FIRST, A FLASH FROM A MINIATURE SUPER-STROBE...
-AARRHHHH!- ...MY EYES!
...THEN A QUICK SHOT'A NERVE GAS...JUST STRONG ENOUGH TA KNOCK 'IM OUT FOR A FEW MINUTES!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS BUSINESS ABOUT ATTACKING THE UN. IS...
...BUT I CAN'T FIND OUT SITTIN' AROUND IN A CELL! SO I'LL JUST MAKE SITWELL COMFORTABLE...
AND THEN HEAD FOR THE EAST RIVER DRIVE...TA TAKE A LOOK FOR MYSELF!
IT'S A GOOD THING SHIELD KEEPS EMERGENCY ESCAPE EQUIPMENT STASHED AROUND THE CITY, THOUGH!
I WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TA TAKE A CAB...EVEN IF I HAD THE BLASTED FARE!
ANYWAY, ALL THAT MATTERS IS ME FINDIN' OUT WHAT THIS SUPER-PATRIOT'S GAME IS...BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
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THEN, FORTY-MINUTES LATER, IN FRONT OF THE MONUMENT TO MANKIND'S DREAM OF WORLD PEACE THAT IS THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS...
AND SO, AMERICANS, I SAY THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO RID OUR SOIL OF THE TRAITOROUS OPPRESSORS WHO DO THEIR SUBVERSIVE WORK IN THIS BUILDING!
IF AMERICA IS TO SURVIVE, TREACHERY MUST BE CRUSHED... AND THE TIME TO START IS NOW...
...AND THE PLACE IS HERE... AT THE UNITED NATIONS!
THE U.N. IS UNAMERICAN
MY FELLOW AMERICANS, JUST ONE MINUTE FROM NOW, YOU WILL WITNESS ONE OF THE GREATEST MOMENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY!
AN EVENT WHICH WILL STAND BESIDE GLORIOUS VICTORIES FOR FREEDOM LIKE BUNKER HILL... AND IWO JIMA!
COMM
WHAT A SICKIE! HE'S MAKIN' A MOCKERY OUTTA FREE SPEECH!
BUT, NOW I BETTER START CLOCK-WATCHIN' AND GET READY FOR WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT!
AND, AS THE SECONDS TICK FATEFULLY BY... AND THE SUPER-PATRIOT WHIPS HIS CROWD INTO A REBELLIOUS FRENZY...
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FURY!
AT YER SERVICE... AND READY TO SMEAR YOU ALL OVER THE STREET! I JUST HOPE SHIELD CAN TAKE CARE A YER PLAYMATES ON THE RIVER!
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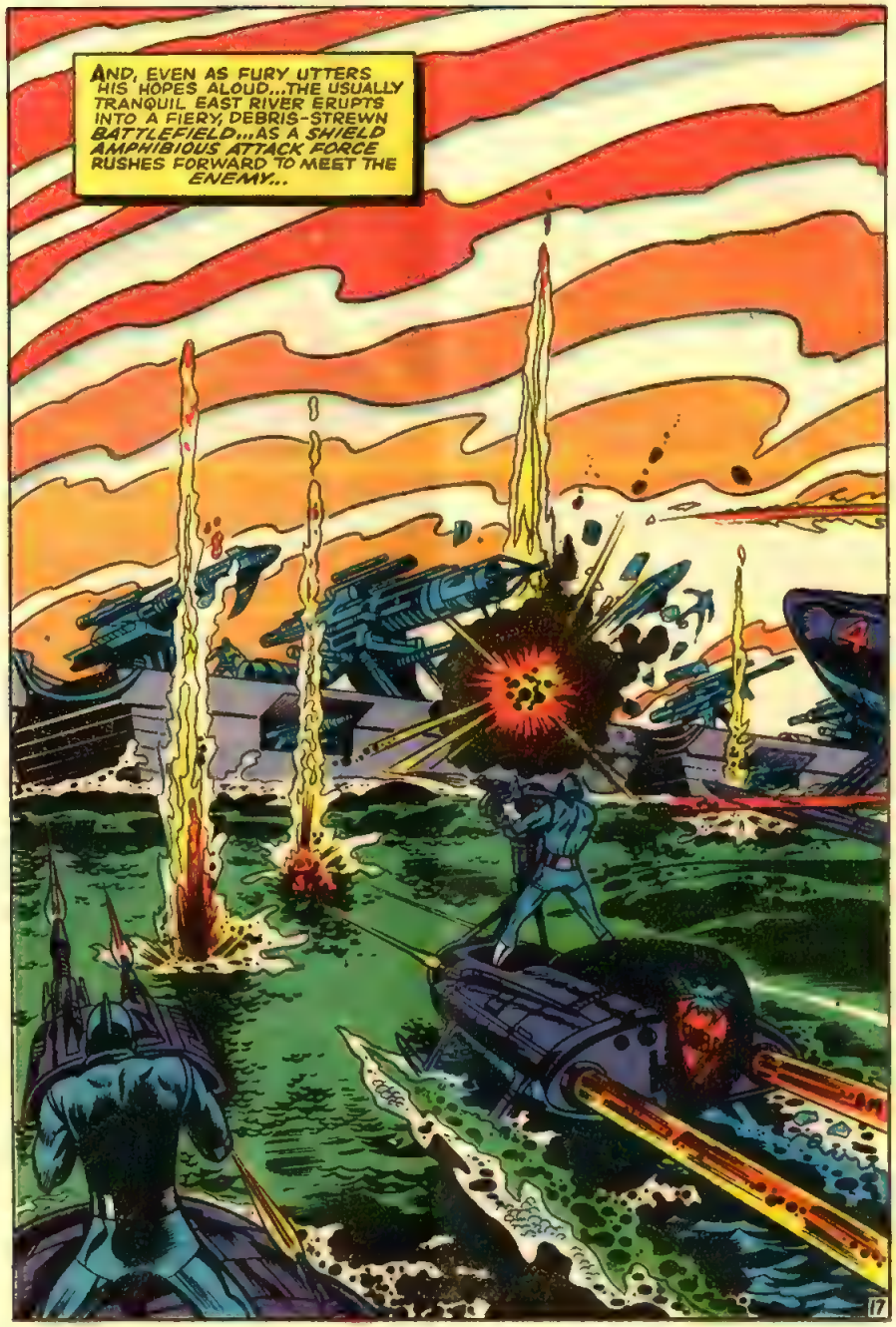
AND, EVEN AS FURY UTTERS HIS HOPES ALOUD...THE USUALLY TRANQUIL EAST RIVER ERUPTS INTO A FIERY, DEBRIS-STREWN *BATTLEFIELD*...AS A *SHIELD AMPHIBIOUS ATTACK FORCE* RUSHES FORWARD TO MEET THE *ENEMY*...
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THEN, WHILE MILLIONS OF MANHATTANITES LOOK ON IN STUNNED DISBELIEF, SHIELD SUPERIORITY BEGINS TO *PAY OFF*...AND THE GREEN TROOPS OF THE SUPER-PATRIOT ARE QUICKLY SHAKEN TO THE GRIM REALITY THAT THEIR CAUSE IS CERTAIN TO BE *LOST*...
WHILE...
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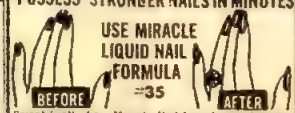

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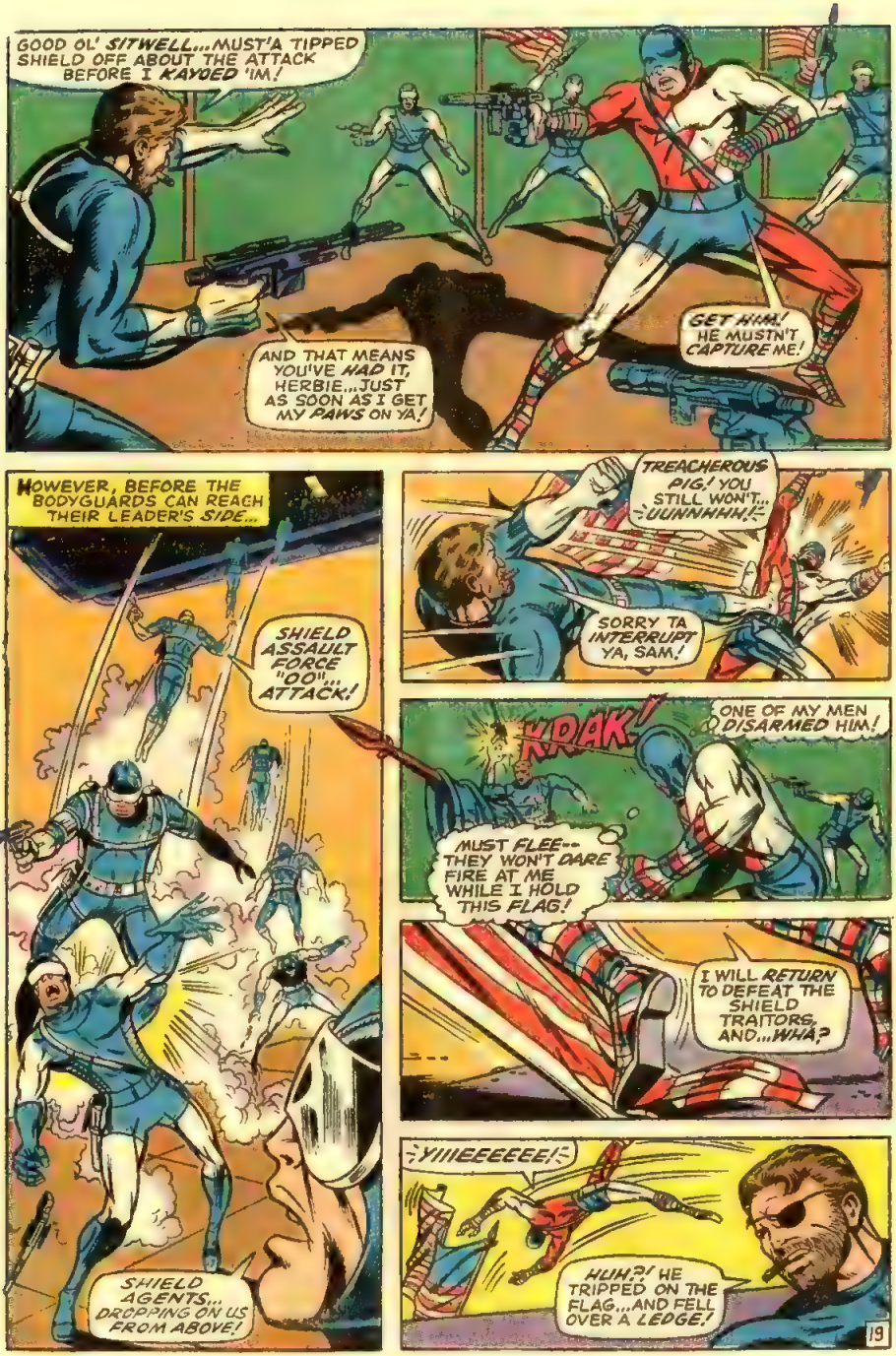
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AND THAT MEANS YOU'VE HAD IT, HERBIE...JUST AS SOON AS I GET MY PAWS ON YA!
GET HIM! HE MUSTN'T CAPTURE ME!
HOWEVER, BEFORE THE BODYGUARDS CAN REACH THEIR LEADER'S SIDE...
SHIELD ASSAULT FORCE "OO"... ATTACK!
SHIELD AGENTS... DROPPING ON US FROM ABOVE!
TREACHEROUS PIG! YOU STILL WON'T... UUNNHHH!
SORRY TA INTERRUPT YA, SAM!
KRAK!
ONE OF MY MEN DISARMED HIM!
MUST FLEE-- THEY WON'T DARE FIRE AT ME WHILE I HOLD THIS FLAG!
I WILL RETURN TO DEFEAT THE SHIELD TRAITORS, AND...WHA?
YIIIEEEEEE!
HUH?! HE TRIPPED ON THE FLAG...AND FELL OVER A LEDGE!

UUMMMM! MUST BE AT LEAST A HUNDRED FOOT FALL! NO WAY HE COULD'A SURVIVED IT!
ALL I CAN DO IS HUSTLE DOWN AND FIND OUT WHO HE WAS... BEFORE SHIELD GETS AHOLD'A ME!
THEN, MOMENTS LATER...
I KNOW YOU JOKERS GOT ME... BUT JUST LET ME GET A LOOK AT 'IM...
GO AHEAD, COLONEL... BUT MAKE IT FAST! WE HAVE TO GET YOU TO HEADQUARTERS!
MAYBE WHEN I FIND OUT WHO HE IS, I'LL KNOW IF HE'S BEHIND ME GETTIN' FRAMED!
JUST A LITTLE TUG AT THE MASK... AND I'LL KNOW!
WHA... NOOO! IT CAN'T BE! I MUST BE GOIN' CRAZY!
THE SUPER-PATRIOT IS...
...ME!
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A SAGACIOUS SMATTERING OF SPACE-WASTING SMALL-TALK!

ITEM! Not only has SMILEY been lecturing like mad on various cavortin' campuses, but now a couple of our super-stars themselves are the subjects of a "free university" class at the University of Santa Clara in California! Team-taught by *John Cardoza* and *Mike Friedrich*, the course is entitled "The Development of Personality in Spider-Man and Thor", with classes beginning the end of March. (—For those of you who are panting to partake of the newest scholastic sensation.) Naturally, we're as pleased as punch — and breathlessly waiting for the next seminar to begin in "Contemporary Forbushism"!

ITEM! How about Our Pal SAL BUSCEMA who's been inimitably inking his big brother JOHN BUSCEMA's artwork these past few months? Not only is he a whiz of an inker, but we just saw some sample pages of his original illustrations — and as soon as he rents himself a pencil or two, it looks as though Big John is gonna have more competition than he bargained for! Although B. J. probably isn't worrying all that much — he's too busy teaching the rest of his family to draw!

ITEM! Speaking of the Buscema brood, didja know that the Silver Surfer is unquestionably the *hit* of the year? Starting with the very first ish, it's hit the top of the best-seller lists and it looks like it's there to stay. All of that must prove something — like, for instance, it's really a cinch to turn out a great comic magazine — all you need are sensational stories, fantastic artwork, superb characterization, and socko plots — *not* to mention the most daringly dramatic concept in years! See? It's a breeze! Anyone can do it!

ITEM! Leave us shed a tear or two for Jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA. He's one of the few light-hearted luminaries who spends more time drawing here in the Bullpen than at home . . . so, every time we need a rush cover, a fast art correction, or some help for a less-experienced pencil-pusher, we turn to ol' Ring-A-Ding. Then, after loading him down with all those extra chores, we berate him for being late with his Spidey deadline! How do you see why he relates to the Web-Spinner and all his hang-ups?

ITEM! It suddenly occurred to us to take a totally useless survey of how many of our Bullpen bigwigs are sporting beards these days. When we got thru counting we realized that almost a cool ten percent are fuzz-faces! Wanna know who? We thought you'd never ask! So now, before they can rush to a razor, here they are — Smilin' STAN LEE, Rascally ROY THOMAS, Jumbo JOHN VERPOORTEN, JIM (Madman) MOONEY, Awesome ARNIE DRAKE, Nefarious NEAL ADAMS, and Stalwart STAN G! Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH and Jaunty JIM STERANKO used to sport some facial shrubbery themselves, but they're now almost aggressively clean-shaven. Think they're trying to tell us something?

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Over the past months, many readers have written to complain about not being given advance notice when any Marvel madmen are to be interviewed on radio or TV — and hence having to miss the great event. This seems as good a time as any to explain that it's virtually impossible to clue you in in time because we ourselves receive only a few days' notice before any such appearances — and, by that time, the mags in which such notices should appear are already printed, and possibly even on sale. (You may remember our telling you in the past that our little masterworks are sent to the printer months before they appear on the newsstands.) But, be of good faith, one and all. If ever we figure out how to bridge the seemingly insurmountable time-lapse gap, we'll make sure that you have the same chance to be bored with our oratory as the rest of the Bullpen! Till then — Vale Atque Ave, y'all!

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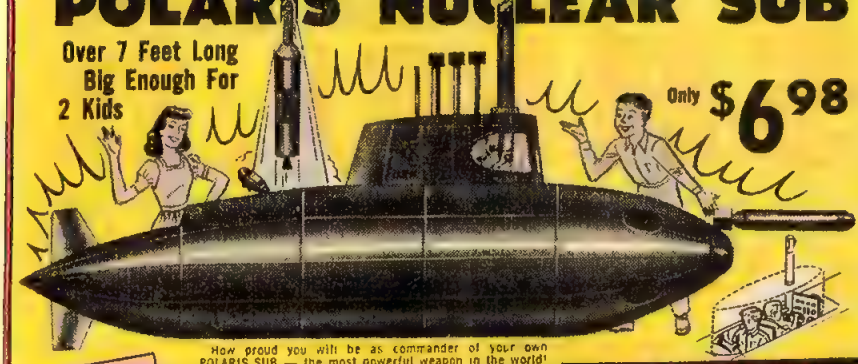

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Dear Stan, Gary, and Frank,

Since I (and many other fans) never fail to harangue you when we feel that you've made a mistake, I'd like to be the first to congratulate you when you do something right. I am, of course, referring to SHIELD #9, in which you proved again that Marvel cares about what its readers think — by bringing back a member of the SHIELD cast whom you had discarded since #159. Yes, I mean Laura Brown. For a while, in those long dark months, we were doomed to second rate characters like the Gaff, that Countess, and worst of all, Clay O. All this time, many other readers and I were hoping that you would restore SHIELD'S great team of Fury, Laura Brown, Jones, Dugan, and Woo. Now that you've done it, I'm the happiest fan in Marveldom. It's like meeting some old friends who have been away for a long time. Great, great work. Now I ask you, follow up this great triumph by assigning a different artist to this strip. Frank Springer's style just doesn't suit this spy series. I reluctantly leave you once again with the words — Don't Yield, Back SHIELD! — and the fervent hope that Miss Laura Brown will soon become Mrs. Nick Fury.

Tod Christopher, 704 Helen St.
Syracuse, N. Y. 12303

Leaving voluptuous Val exactly where, Tod? Besides, we seem to remember our redoubtable agent of Shield musing, a long way back, about how he was far too old for Laura, who is the daughter of the original head of Hydra itself. But still, you may get your nuptial wish; it's something we'll just have to allow to work itself out in the pages of future issues. Okay, friend?

Dear Stan, Gary, and Frank,

I read NICK FURY, AGENT OF SHIELD #10, and Frank Springer really outdid himself. He sure turned out some terrific illustrations such as pages 1, 6, 9, and that twin-page spread — which was out of this world. It was stupendous! I was surprised to see that Gary Friedrich did the magnificent story on this month's epic issue. Stan's editing was really something also. The Hate-Monger, though a good villain, was a bad one to put in a SHIELD mag. What happened to Val in the last 4 issues? I haven't seen her since issue #6. I would like to see the return of Hydra soon, as well as the reappearance of Scorpio. They are excellent creations. Until Nick changes cigar brands, I'll continue to make mine Marvel!

Bill Labrie, Box 246
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You're not the only one who wants to know what happened to the likes of Val and the sinister Scorpio, Bill; the rest of the Bullpen is almost as much on edge as you are! But groovy Gary assures us that he has both of those characters (plus a whole horde of howling Hydra agents) up his prestidigitating sleeve — he just isn't saying exactly when he's going to unleash them all on us!

Say, you don't think this could all be part of a sinister plot on his part to get us all to subscribe, do ya?

Dear Stan, Gary, and Frank,

As I write this to SHIELD I am severely startled. Gary Friedrich can do more than pound out war stories or second-rate HULK and X-MEN plots! Not that the script was brilliant, it wasn't except for little twists I've come to expect from the Man himself. For instance; Fury on Park Avenue in his zoot suit, a real murder (not sleeping gas), and the beautiful personality of Dr. Haupfman

The art? Well, Frank's illustrations aren't the best, but then Steranko did a lousy job on some of his first issues. Even King Kirby looked pretty weak seven years ago!

As I sign off, there are no real complaints, but keep trying because "sic itur ad astra!"

Blair Hemstock, 258 Westwood Dr.
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And we're not gonna try translating that last part, because we believe in quitting while we're ahead. Still, we could hardly read your letter without mentally taking issue with a few of your statements about the past art on the Shield series, which sent us poring back over earlier issues of Marvel mags.

Namely, we were looking for some of those "lousy jobs" you claim Jim Steranko did — not to mention those weakly-drawn stories by King Kirby. We're glad you could find 'em, Blair; we had a bit of trouble ourselves. But then we've always been a wee bit prejudiced in favor of those two gentleman — so what else is new?

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destruction was here,
doom hailed imminent/
Nick Fury was there,
haggard and gruff/
there had been better times,
boy things are rough/
the daiquiries have lost their pungent taste/
Miss Brown is no Val, it all seems a waste/
Ah, but, the cover now
is a bit more fair/
the Christmas bulbs designed
and hung with care/
And the title page was clear,
shiny and sleek/
A view on Christmas night,
balanced and complete/
So no one should utter
all those harsh words/
that last ish had failed,
everyone had heard/
But now Johnny Craig came through
on this night of nights/
and cleared up some of those pencils
and to dim all the lights/
Still there was a clutter
about just everywhere/
it gathered about
and just hung 'round there/
Fury had failed
to see his fashion designer/
ran 'thru streets of New York
in a Field Jacket Liner/
And, alas, awaiting him,
a lady, not Val/
who shared not his tender moments,
She's not the same gal/
So they would have
their Merry Little Christmas/
minus the sharing
of intimate pasts/
For soft music alone
cannot the same be/
as the preceeding scenes
which we still see/
So now the dawn sheds its grace
on all unaware/
Perhaps the Old Nick will return,
for someone still cares

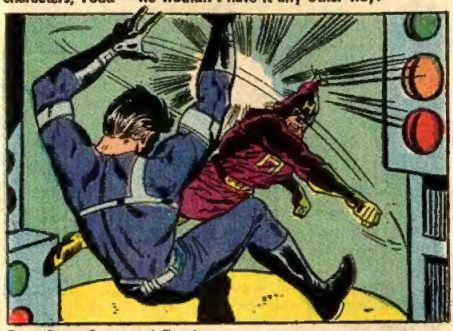
Donald F. McGregor, 43 Wildwood Ave.
Providence, R.I. 02907

Dear Stan, Gary, and Frank,

After just completing issue #9 of SHIELD, I must say, "more power to ya!" The way you show that Nazism, Communism and other evil forces are not welcomed is a great civics lesson in a comic book. My civics teacher was very surprised and optimistic after I showed him issue #9. He had no idea that comics contain so high a level of thought today. I'm only sorry that you didn't do one thing in issue #9. The first page should have been the front cover — it's much more striking! Gary's story was very good, as was Frank's art (and Artie's lettering!). I hope you guys at Marvel have finally done away with that creepy Hate-Monger! I'm fed up with him. I wish you'd not used Hitler's face for a second time. It was much more realistic the first time, whereas this time we sort of expected it. I seemed to expect Captain America to show up all through this issue because its atmosphere was right up his alley. But whether it's Cap, Nick, or Irving, I know that "we" will always win out in the end. Who's "we"? Those for law, order, justice, and freedom — that's who!

Todd Freeman, Jr., 2916 Lakeridge Court
Dayton, Ohio 45408

And, as long as we control the destinies of our cavortin' characters, Todd — we wouldn't have it any other way!



Dear Stan, Gary, and Frank,

NICK FURY, AGENT OF SHIELD #9 was great as far as the story goes. The idea of bringing the Hate-Monger back was great. One thing wrecked it, though. Once again, Marvel has brought a dead guy to life! And don't you think somethin' funny is going on when in almost every story like this, someone gets shot and with "his last breath life" he pulls the trigger and kills another Joe?!!!

Bill Drake, 219 N. Lee St.
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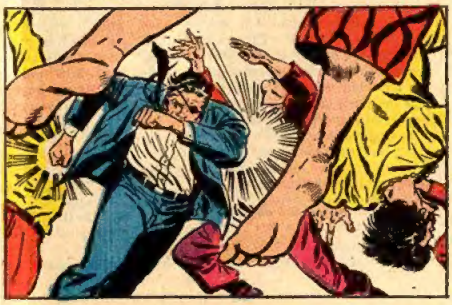
Not really, Bill — since the real thing has probably happened many times in real life, both on the battlefield and in other equally violent situations. Hatred can be the most all-consuming emotion there is, spurring a man to actions he could never perform under normal situations. Still, you may be right in saying that we've overdone that bit somewhat — so we'll do some checking on it, and see if we can do something more surprising the next time around. Fair 'nuff?



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